

**DRAFT - For approval**  
**CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD**  
Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 0900 hours  
At Hunters Ambulance

Members Attendees: G. Allard, L. Bolton, N. Brescia, W. Champion, W. Fitzmaurice, R. Guthrie, S. Johnson, M. Loiz, J. Oates, J. Paretzky, F. Potter, J. Quinlavin, J. Reynolds, A. Romano, W. Schietinger, I. Smith, D. Tompkins, R. Ziegler

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, S. Durante, R. Kamin, A. Pugliese, J. Reynolds

EMSC: V. Barnes

Regional Presidents: M. Blake, W. Fitzmaurice, M. Wilson, M. Zacchera

Committee Chairs: D. Dole, B. Morris, S. Gregg

Guests: L. Brockett, J. Santacroce, R. Blake, K. Coupe, D. Smith, S. Conley, D. Caranci

Board Chair: G. Allard presiding

Please submit request for written reports to Yolanda Williams at OEMS. [Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov](mailto:Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov)

Meeting opened at 09:08 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
October 23, 2019 Minutes		Minor editorial change.	Motion to accept the minutes of Oct. 23, 2019 made W. Schietinger by 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Art Romano. Motion passed with four abstentions, N. Brescia, R. Guthrie, F. Potter, S. Johnson.
Moment of Silence	In remembrance.	John Bennett – former EMT at New Britain EMS Michael Feigin – founding member of Westport Volunteer EMS Anthony Bredice – Stratford EMS Representative Linda Orange Turk Aksoy – Firefighter from Westport Harold Goberman – chief of EMS, Clinton Fire	
Chair’s report – Greg Allard		Secretary of State Race/Ethnicity & Gender Survey must be done by all members including committee members.  Review of missing minutes & Agendas to be submitted to Angela Pugliese.  Medicare Information - Reporting to start 2021. Info session led by AAA being arranged during EMS PRO 2020 conference.	Due date: 12/9/19  If services do not report rates will be cut by 10%.
OEMS –Ralf Coler	Written report submitted for November 2019	Review of written report with discussion. Included staffing changes, Education & Training EMR Initial Exams for police academics, Mental Health First Aid / Approved course listing on OEMS website / EMS/Trauma Data / CT Opioid response - \$700K grant from OD Map; Actively looking for a staff position for MIH.	No action items. The “Mark King” initiative will be a part of the National Registry, unknown when.

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EMSC – Vickie Barnes		Classes scheduled, quarterly meeting set for Monday Dec. 1, 2019 Remote training has started; March 9 <sup>th</sup> part of New England for US for children session; Dr. Kamin will present on ED handoff tool, sessions on simulation and debriefing.	No action.
Committee reports	CEMSMAC – Dr. R. Kamin - Nov. 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes submitted	EMS to ED Handoff Tool finalized. Need representative from Region five. EMS protocols getting refined, looking for membership. Co-chair position for CEMSMAC is coming up Scope of practice continues to be discussed.  Brief discussion around EMS response to school bus incidences, looking to clarify practice or a guideline for these events.	See written report.  Next meeting Dec. 12, 2019
	Clinical Coordinators – J. Quinlavin	Committee met Nov 14; Discussion regarding working with continuing education. (Joel Demers)	No action
	Communications CMED and SIEC – B. Morris	Lengthy discussion regarding statewide P25 mobile radio station. A subcommittee has been formed to research it. Also discussed recent failures and causes.	No action.
	CORP – Meeting minutes submitted - W. Fitzmaurice	Agenda includes award nominations.	No action.
	Education/Training – M. Zacchera	No report.	No action.

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	Emergency Preparedness Minutes – J Reynolds	Still meeting with Forward Movement of Patients (FMOP).	No action.
	Legislative – M. Loiz	<p>Lengthy discussion focused on PTSD Bill. Nov 1 hearing was postponed Nov 19th conference; discussion around EMS coverage; next step will be a public statement about whether EMS can be included.</p> <p>Discussion around the work needed to mobilize EMS people toward common goal.</p> <p>Draft language for mental health first aid will be discussed on December, looking to amend the regulation.</p>	Next meeting is Dec. 19, 2019
	MIH – J. Beaulieu	No Action	Next Meeting is Dec. 12, 2019
	Nominating – W. Campion	The Committee nominates Greg Allard to be recommended to the Commissioner for the next one year.	See action item below.
	Paramedic – D. Dole	Committee met on November 13, 2019; Discussion around medic EMR group configuration; upcoming hearing around PTSD bill, light & siren response from CEMSMAC, as well as light & siren protocol.	No action.
	Public Information and Education – B. Ziegler	No update – no meeting	No action.

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	Regionalization – K Coupe - Sept 30, 2019 written report submitted	Committee met November 25 <sup>th</sup> .  Discussion of issues: manpower, funding and capital purchasing.	Next meeting January 2019
	Trauma - S. Gregg	ACS/COT liaison position is vacant. Ron Gross is the liaison to CEMSMAC. Field trauma triage discussed. Consideration for use of access to levels of Trauma and the appropriate level use for bypass. The use of TXA is not of real benefit for CT.	Meetings moved to the first Wednesday of every month
	Volunteer - J. Paretzky Minutes submitted.	Committee met November 14 <sup>th</sup> ; discussion on terminology to present to legislative committee; Dept. of Justice has death benefit for line of duty, volunteer EMS included.	No action
Action items			Motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee recommending Greg Allard as Chair made by I. Smith and 2 <sup>nd</sup> William Schietinger. Motion passed unanimously.
New business	Jean Speck	Discussion of her great service to the Board.	Chair to write a letter of thanks to Jean Speck for all her efforts on behalf of the Board.
Adjourned	10:55 meeting adjourned	Next meeting; December 18, 2019, Hunters Ambulance	Motion to adjourn by I. Smith and 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Motion passed unanimously.

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